

**FORM A**  
**PETITION FOR TESTING ACCOMMODATIONS**

(Please print or type; must be legible)  
(To be completed by the applicant)

**I. BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

1. Registration Number (*Social Security Number*): \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

2. Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last

3. Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Number and Street or P.O. Box Number  
\_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip Code

4. Daytime Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

5. I have either applied for or intend to take the following examination:

☐ **Bar Examination**

☐ **First-Year Law Students' Examination**

***Please note:*** An examination application must be completed separately and filed by the established deadlines contained in the application instructions and addendum.

6. Date of the examination I intend to take: \_\_\_\_\_  
Month / Year

7. Requested Test Center Location: ☐ Los Angeles ☐ San Francisco  
(Please mark one) ☐ Sacramento ☐ San Diego

8. I intend to take the examination by either: ☐ Writing ☐ Typing ☐ Dictating

***Please note:*** The First-Year Law Students' Examination is administered only in the Los Angeles and San Francisco areas. The exact location of your assigned test center will be communicated to you following consideration of your petition.

9. Have you previously taken the Bar Examination or First-Year Law Students' Examination?:  
☐ **YES** ☐ **NO**

If Yes, which examination(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
Month / Year

10. If yes, did you request testing accommodations to take the examination(s)? ☐ **YES** ☐ **NO**

## II. DISABILITY DESCRIPTION AND ACCOMMODATION HISTORY

1. What is your disability?: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Describe your functional limitations related to your disability that directly affect your ability to take the examination:

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3. When did you first acquire the disability (*approximate date and age*)?: \_\_\_\_\_

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4. When was the disability first diagnosed by a treating professional (*date and age*)?: \_\_\_\_\_

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5. By whom (*name, occupation, specialty*)?: \_\_\_\_\_

6. What treatment is currently being prescribed?: \_\_\_\_\_

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7. By whom (*name, occupation, specialty*)?: \_\_\_\_\_

8. Were you granted testing accommodations to take a standardized test in the past (e.g. SAT, GRE, LSAT, MPRE)?: ☐ **YES** ☐ **NO**

**If yes**, provide all the test name(s), date(s) and accommodations granted; **if not**, explain why not (attach additional sheets if necessary):

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9. Were you granted testing accommodations in law school?: ☐ **YES** ☐ **NO**

If yes, please list the accommodations granted. In addition, have FORM F completed by each law school where you received accommodations and have the form forwarded to the Office of Admissions to complete your petition file. If not, explain why not:

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10. Did you receive testing accommodations on any other state's bar examination?:

☐ YES ☐ NO

If yes, have FORM G completed by each jurisdiction where you received accommodations and have the completed form returned to the Office of Admissions to complete your petition file.

### III. ACCOMMODATION REQUESTS

Based on your specific disabilities, what testing accommodations do you believe are necessary to take the examination? (Check below all specific accommodations you believe are necessary. Tables, chairs and lighting will be standard unless a specific request related to your disability is requested and granted. Requests for changes to accommodations granted or additional accommodations must be submitted in advance of the examination and will not be considered on the day of the examination. Please note that the accommodation of extended time needs additional specific information.)

#### Alternative Formats

- ☐ Braille Version of the Examination
- ☐ Audio Cassette Version of the Examination
- ☐ Large Print Examination Materials  
(check one: ☐ 18 pt or ☐ 24 pt.)
- ☐ Word Processor
- ☐ Computer (only if software is  
available to restrict access)
- ☐ Private Room
- ☐ Semi-private Room
- ☐ Extended Time (complete section on page 4)
- ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

#### Personal Assistance

- ☐ Dictate to a Tape Recorder
- ☐ Dictate to a Typist
- ☐ Reader
- ☐ Scribe
- ☐ Assistance with multiple-choice  
answer sheet (Scantron sheet)

#### Architectural/Environmental

Describe (e.g. wheelchair access, temperature controlled room, non-fluorescent lighting, etc.)

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#### Permission to Bring Your Own Special Furniture or Equipment

Describe (e.g. footstool, ergonomic chair, word processor, computer, etc.)

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#### Permission to Bring Personal Items

Describe (e.g. medications, lamp, wrist splints, ice and ice-chest, etc.)

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Please provide rationale for requests indicated: \_\_\_\_\_

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### **Accommodation of Extra Time**

Specify the amount of **additional time** requested for each session of the examination. Indicate why additional specified time is needed and the rationale for the amount of time for each test format of the examination. The Bar Examination has six 3-hour sessions (three essay questions or one performance test or 100 multiple-choice questions per session) and the First-Year Law Students' Examination has one 4-hour session for administration of its four essay questions and one 3-hour session where 100 multiple-choice questions are administered.

**All requests for additional time must specify the exact amount of additional time. Timing is not interrupted during a session; total time granted includes breaks, except the lunch break. Applicants will not be allowed to leave the secured test center for the lunch break if it occurs during a session. No accommodation of unlimited time will be granted. If additional testing time is requested, but the specific amount of additional time is not indicated, the petition will be returned as incomplete.**

**Essay:** Specify the amount of **additional** test time needed per session and rationale: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Performance Test:** Specify the amount of **additional** test time needed per session and rationale:

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**Multiple-Choice:** Specify the amount of **additional** test time needed per session and rationale:

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**Limited Testing Time:** Specify amount of time limitation for each test day (e.g. 6 hours a day) and why time limitations are needed:

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#### **IV. APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE**

I am aware that it is my responsibility to file a complete petition, which includes all necessary forms, and understand that it will be returned to me if found to be incomplete. I have attached all original supporting affidavits or documents in legible form. I understand that this petition should be filed as soon as possible, but no later than the date specified in the addendum to the examination application instructions for each examination.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the above information is true and correct. I understand that false statements made herein could result in denial of my admission to practice law in California based on moral character grounds.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Applicant Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

The Committee of Bar Examiners reserves the right to make final judgement concerning testing accommodations and may have all documentation related to this matter reviewed by appropriate specialists or consultants if deemed necessary.